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1. On 22 August 1949, forty-three IL ground attack planes were parked on Cottbus airfield. None of these planes were flown during the day. [redacted]  
[redacted] At 11:00 a.m. twelve IL-10 planes flew over the field in a northeasterly direction. About twenty minutes later a rumbling detonation was heard coming from the northeast. At 11:25 a.m. ten IL-10's flew over the field in the same direction as the first twelve. Twenty minutes later a heavy explosion was heard coming from the northeast, followed by ten single explosions at half-second intervals. At 12:05 p.m. eleven IL-10's flew over the field in the same direction as the previous planes and thirty minutes later eleven heavy explosions were heard coming from the northeast. At 1:05 p.m. one PS-84 landed on the field. By 5:00 p.m. no IL-10's had landed on the field.
2. Two wasts with a training device (model aircraft), probably used for ground to air practice, were seen next to a V.T. truck standing in the southeast corner of Cottbus airfield on 22 August 1949.
3. On 27 August 1949 about ten YAK fighters as well as five PO-2's and one IL-2 were parked on the airfield of Jüterbog/Altes Lager. Single YAK planes flew over the field.
4. About 100 T-34/85 tanks were seen passing through Markendorf (M52/E78), coming from the direction of Fröhden and driving north. Most of the area around Markendorf is a troop training ground. There is no known airfield in the vicinity of Markendorf.

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